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I. HOW THIS PARABLE TEACHES THESE GREAT TRUTHS:

- A. V. 14. A LORD, MASTER, who exercises all authority over His servants. JESUS!!
- B. V. 15. Each servant entrusted with all the responsibility his talents could carry. CHRISTIANS.
- C. V. 16-18.
Each servant was expected to increase the Lord's estate. CHRIST'S ESTATE: THE CHURCH. *C.W. P. Bus M.N.*
B.S. LET FREEDOM RING.
- D. V. 19-23. Faithful soul-winners were richly rewarded. SALVATION. JOY!!!
- E. V. 24-30.
Unfaithful servant doomed to the region of the eternal dead.
DAMNATION. Weeping & gnashing.

7-23-76 PARABLE # THE TALENTS 1016.

"WELL DONE....."

(1.)

INT: There are 5 great spiritual truths in Matt. 25:14-30, to which the TRUE CHRISTIAN subscribes wholeheartedly.

1. Jesus HAS all-power and all-authority in Heaven and on earth TODAY!
2. Jesus HAS endowed each of US with one or more talents--with which to do good.
3. We CAN - each of us ---add some growth to the church, which is Christ's kingdom on earth.
4. WHEN we do, we will be richly rewarded by Jesus.
5. IF we don't, we will be severely punished.

Ill. Olin Smith. In hospital. Recalled first time he heard me speak at Southside.
I said, "I cannot but tell it like it is!"
Same is true with this message!!! *M. net.*

II. HOW DOES THIS PARABLE APPLY TO US TODAY???

(3.)

A. QUESTION # 1.

COULD THIS PARABLE BE ILLUSTRATED BY THE LORD'S GREAT COMMISSION???

Delivered to them! Matt. 28:18-20. Power. Go. Bap. With you.

Mk. 16:15-16. Go. Every. Preach. Bap.

What else could the story of the talents teach, if not soul-winning for Jesus???

B. QUESTION # 2.

DOES THE GREAT COMMISSION MAKE EACH OF US FISHERS OF MEN???

*Matt. 4:17-20. If not us, WHO will go?

* I Cor. 9:19-22. Allowed to use every warm and honest bait??? Yes.

Points of association.

III. SOME CHALLENGES FOR YOUR HEARTS THIS MORNING. (4.)

A. DOCTRINAL SOUNDNESS, ORTHODOXY, AND SCRIPTURALITY ALONE WILL NOT GET US TO HEAVEN. True or False?

"Quote: Being sound in doctrine does not permit a congregation to be SOUND asleep.

There is no such thing as being SOUND doctrinally, ALIVE spiritually, and DEAD evangelistically."

B. WHAT GOD CONTROLS -- GROWS!! True-False?

1. 5 & 2 talent men were CONTROLLED by their love, respect and good will toward their master. Christians too! I John 5:3.

2. The Life of the Christian grows as he DOES for his master. II Pet. 3:18. Goes.

3. The Congregation GROWS which is totally controlled by the Lord. I Cor. 15:58.

4. OUR GOAL: Double this membership in 7 yrs. REQUIREMENT: Each member win ONE !!!

CAN we do it? Can if soul depends on it! Does...

INV: THE GREAT COMMISSION IS BASED ON 3 (5.)
GREAT FACTS.

1. Men, in sin, are LOST until redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God - Jesus!!
We MUST go...if the Lost are to know!!!
Mk. 16:15-16
2. There is NO other way for men to be saved!
Acts 4:12. John 14:6.
3. No one can discharge this responsibility for anyone else. A PERSONAL matter with you and JESUS. Very personal. Matt. 11:28-30

ILL: Would to God each non-Christian in this audience had the optimism and faith that a little post-card seller had!

* Story.

He had another little boy helping him.

YOU will have Jesus helping YOU!!!!

Come today in answer to His Call!